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- (c) It would be useful if the Pol/Econ Tradecraft course at FSI included a component on FinCen and U.S. anti-terrorism finance efforts.
- (d) In regards to the matrix mentioned in reftel: Armenia has national authority to freeze terrorist funds and acceded to the UN Convention on Terrorism Financing in May 1994. Armenia is a cooperative partner concerning implementation of UNSCRs 1267, 1373, 1390, and 1455. Armenia has adopted anti-money laundering legislation and established an FIU. Armenia is not yet an Egmont Group member, but hopes to gain membership in July 2007. Armenia is a member of the Eurasian Group on combating money laundering and terrorist finance (EAG), an FATF-style regional body. Armenia has never issued a freeze order on terrorist-linked assets. Armenia occasionally searches financial institutions for terrorist assets. Armenia has never shared terror finance information with us, but regularly shares information on money laundering cases and may not have any terror finance case information to share. Armenia has occasionally reached out to U.S. law enforcement on money laundering issues. Additional information about Armenia's efforts to combat terrorism finance is available in ref B, post's latest INCSR report. **GODFREY**